

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 49 public bills, H.R. 1900–1948; 1 private bill, H.R. 1949; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 83 and H. Res. 167, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** One Report was filed as follows:

H.R. 1778, to reform the Department of Defense, amended (H. Rept. 105–133 Part I). Page H3863

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Cooksey to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. LeeAnn Schray of Washington, D.C.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:50 and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Dispense Call of the Private Calendar:** Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar for today, June 17.

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**Suspensions:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building:** H.R. 1057, amended, to designate the building in Indianapolis, Indiana, which houses the operations of the Circle City Station Post Office as the “Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building” (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 204. Agreed to amend the title);

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**John T. Myers Post Office Building:** H.R. 1058, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret Drive in Terre Haute, Indiana, as the “John T. Myers Post Office Building” (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 205);

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**Kennedy Center Parking Garage:** H.R. 1747, amended, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements;

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**Eagles Nest Wilderness Colorado:** H.R. 985, amended, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within Arapaho and White River National Forests, Colorado, to include the lands known as the Slate Creek Addition upon the acquisition of the lands by the United States (passed by a

yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 206);

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**Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices:** S. 342, to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices—clearing the measure for the President; and

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**Celebrating Juneteenth Day and the End of Slavery:** H.J. Res. 56, celebrating the end of slavery in the United States (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 207).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:29 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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**Referrals:** Nine Senate-passed measures were referred to House Committees as follows: S. 210, to amend the Organic Act of Guam, Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, and Compact of Free Association Act was referred to the Committees on Resources, Banking and Financial Services, the Judiciary, International Relations, Government Reform and Oversight, and Agriculture; S. 289, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of Superior Road and Huron Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “Carl B. Stokes United States Courthouse” was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 347, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, Georgia, as the “Sam Nunn Federal Center” was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 419, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for expanding, intensifying, and coordinating activities of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute with respect to heart attack, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women was referred to the Committee on Commerce; S. 478, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the “William Augustus Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse” was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 628, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at the corner of 7th Street and East Jackson Street in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Reynaldo G. Garza United States Courthouse” was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 681, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Northeast First Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “David W. Dyer Federal Courthouse” was referred to the Committee on

Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 715, to redesignate the Dublin Federal Courthouse building located in Dublin, Georgia, as the J. Roy Rowland Federal Courthouse was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and S. 819, to designate the United States courthouse at 200 South Washington Street in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Martin V. B. Bostetter, Jr. United States Courthouse" was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3865–66.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3827–28, H3828–29, H3829, and H3830. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE RESEARCH

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research held a hearing on the role of federal, state, and private agricultural research. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Ed Knipling, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; and Dan Dooley, Vice Chairman, Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; and public witnesses.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior approved for full Committee action the Interior appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

### FINANCIAL MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Began markup of Financial Modernization legislation.

Will continue tomorrow.

### HIGHER EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning held a hearing on H.R. 6, Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 19.

### WITNESS INTIMIDATION AND RETALIATION—GANG-RELATED

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing regarding gang-related witness intimidation and retaliation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### VISA WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing regarding the Visa Waiver Pilot Program. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kim, Abercrombie and Frank of Massachusetts; Mary Ryan, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Michael Cronin, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Inspections, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

### DEFENSE REFORM ACT

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on H.R. 1778, Defense Reform Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John Hamre, Under Secretary, Comptroller; R. Noel Longuemare, Acting Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology; and Sherri Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Environmental Security; Butch Hinton, Assistant Comptroller General, GAO; Gale Norton, Attorney General, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forest and Forest Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 799, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Hells Canyon Wilderness in the States of Oregon and Idaho to exclude an established Forest Service road inadvertently included in the wilderness; and H.R. 838, to require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and nonmotorized river craft in the recreation area.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1051, New Mexico Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments of 1997; and H.R. 1567, to provide for the designation of additional wilderness lands in the eastern United States. Testimony was heard from Representatives Skeen and Redmond; Destry T. Jarvis, Assistant Director, External Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Janice McDougle, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; and a public witness.

### CHINA—MFN STATUS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on U.S.-China Trade Relations and renewal of China's Most-Favored-Nation Status. Testimony was heard from Representatives Solomon, Dreier, Levin, Smith of New Jersey, Pelosi, Porter, Wolf, Kolbe, Ewing, Blumenauer and Salmon;